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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Annual Report of EIC Subcommittee on Minerals and Metals for FY 1960

REFERENCE : EIC-D-435, Subcommittee Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 1960

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's Field of Competence

During FY 1960 the Subcommittee was relatively inactive with only informal communication between committee members being maintained. Due to conditions beyond our control, no meeting of the Subcommittee was held until October 1960. This meeting was held primarily to consider the current status of research and collection deficiencies and to discuss and develop agreed basic statistics for certain metals and minerals.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

The Subcommittee's report of the current status of priority research and collection deficiencies is attached in Annex A.

The following CIA/ORR statements of collection requirements were reviewed by the Subcommittee and were considered to be representative of the information needs of the intelligence community:

Gaps in Intelligence on the Ferrous Metallurgical Industry of the USSR.

Gaps in Intelligence on the Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Industry of Poland.

Information Needs on the Ferrous Metallurgical Industries of Hungary, North Korea, Poland, and Rumania.

Information Needs on the Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Industry of Rumania.

3. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

Agreement was reached on Sino-Soviet production, by country, of the following minerals and metals:

Iron ore  
Manganese ore  
Pig iron  
Crude steel  
Chrome  
Tungsten ore  
Nickel  
Molybdenum  
Cobalt  
Primary aluminum

Bauxite  
Refined copper  
Lead  
Tin metal  
Refined zinc  
Cadmium metal  
Mercury  
Primary magnesium  
Sulfur

These estimates are published in the Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook, 1960.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

No formal program has been proposed for the Subcommittee other than an annual review of research and collection deficiencies and review and agreement on basic statistics. The Subcommittee plans to continue to be available for ad hoc discussions on appropriate subjects and for such other functions within its mission as required by the intelligence community.

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Chairman

EIC Subcommittee on Minerals and Metals

Attachment:

Priority Research and Collection Deficiencies